



OCTOBER 2018 NEWSLETTER

Firstly, I should like to welcome all the new F&B Manawatū members to the Branch and I hope we shall see you at one of our monthly talks or on one of our trips
Secondly, as you will notice we have a new Manawatū Branch Logo. The bird is a whitehead or pōpokotea and its population is decreasing. However, the whitehead is found in the Turitea Reserve and can be seen in significant numbers. Whiteheads are the only North Island hosts for the long-tailed cuckoo.

F&B OCTOBER 2018 MONTHLY MEETING

TUESDAY 09 OCTOBER 2018 @ 7.30 p.m.

Palmerston North City Library, George Street entrance

Talk: "Riparian planting: what's not to like with a nice planted stream picture?"

Speaker: Christine Finnigan



Christine Finnigan is a Dairy Farmer involved in a family business.

She and her 2 sons run 250 ha in 3 blocks. The land has been dairying for over 100 years.

The home farm has mature tree areas, but the new farm and grazing block have recently planted riparian areas and stream protection. There is still much to do and many challenges.

She is passionate about her farms and animals and would love to share her approach to improving their environment.

All welcome. Gold coin donation appreciated

F&B MANAWATŪ MONTHLY TRIP - OCTOBER 2018

Saturday, 20th October, 2018

LEARN ABOUT THE CHALLENGES OF RIPARIAN PLANTING



We will be visiting 3 sites each with their own challenges and at different stages of plantings. All sites are between Palmerston North and Linton

Depart: Palmerston North at 09.00 a.m. (Sharp)

Leaders: Jorinna Prinz and Christine Finnegan

Meet: Palmerston North: Car pool – meet on Church St, opposite Centrepont Theatre & Salvation Army Shop (on Railway land side).

If you carpool, please share petrol costs with the driver

Fitness Level: Medium

What to bring: Please bring snacks, lunch, water, raincoat/warm clothes, gum boots or stout footwear (it maybe wet underfoot) and walking poles if you usually use them – and do not forget your camera.

BIOSECURITY NOTE: Please make sure all your footwear is clean before the trip. Thanks

For more info & Register: Contact Jorinna Prinz –
Email: Manawatu.Branch@forestandbird.org.nz

F&B 2019 CALENDARS AND DIARIES – ON SALE NOW

LAST CHANCE TO BUY YOUR F&B CALENDAR AND OR DIARY

- PRICE THE SAME AS LAST YEAR
- Short of ideas for Christmas gifts for overseas family and friends – the F&B Calendars and Diaries make marvellous gifts. (these need to be mailed by mid-November)
- F&B Calendars and Diaries will be on sale at every F&B Monthly Meeting from August to November. We can only accept cash or cheques.
- If you are unable to make it to a Monthly Meeting, please email us at: Manawatu.Branch@forestandbird.org.nz and we will arrange for your order to reach you.

<p>Forest & Bird NEW ZEALAND Conservation CALENDAR 2019</p>  <p>\$15.00</p> <p>Featuring superb photographs of our extraordinary wildlife and wilderness habitats taken by some of our leading nature photographers. Weighs less than 200g for economic postage. Envelope included.</p>	<p>Forest & Bird NEW ZEALAND Conservation Diary 2019</p>  <p>\$20.00</p> <p>Every week brings a new photograph of our unique landscapes, plants and wildlife. This quality week-to-view diary features public holidays, and a lay-flat spiral binding.</p>
<p>Available from F&B Manawatū August 2018 Monthly meeting held at PNCC Library, George Street entrance OR order on-line: email: Manawatu.Branch@forestandbird.org.nz</p>	
	



<https://www.birdoftheyear.org.nz/>

Voting is now open for Bird of the Year (Te Manu Rongonui o Te Tau)

New Zealand's unique native birds are in crisis. A third are at risk of becoming extinct if nothing is done to protect them. Their habitats have been destroyed and introduced mammalian predators such as stoats, possums, and rats kill their eggs, young, birds, and even adults.

Lend your voice to help our birds by supporting Bird of the Year - with your vote, your voice, or a donation.

Voting closes at 5 pm on Sunday 14 October. The winning bird will be announced on RNZ's Morning Report on Monday 15 October at 8:50 am.

Want to learn more? Read our frequently asked questions.

On that note, I found a very interesting short video on the DoC website about the work that was done to eradicate mice from the Antipodes Islands – the link: <https://vimeo.com/285024252> It is well worth watching and gives a glimpse of these remote islands.



In the winter of 2016, the New Zealand Department of Conservation travelled to Antipodes Island to eradicate mice - the only mammalian pest species, and a big problem on this

island. This video follows the eradication team, as they embark on a world-leading conservation effort.

The Million Dollar Mouse project was supported from our partners the Morgan Foundation, WWF-New Zealand, Island Conservation and the New Zealand public.

Read more about this project: doc.govt.nz/antipodes

FOREST AND BIRD BANK ACCOUNT HAS CHANGED

****Our bank account has changed****

If you are making a donation or paying your membership to Forest & Bird using internet banking, be sure to update the account number to our Kiwibank account using the following details:

Kiwibank

38-9019-0456965-01

Particulars: membership number

Code: name

Thank you for updating your payments!

OTHER NEWS

➤ **Apollo Butterfly Park**

Sunday 14 October

2nd Sunday of each month

Love seeing monarch butterflies flitting around Palmy? Come to this working bee, help keep the Apollo Butterfly Park looking beautiful, and the butterflies happy. Stay for a cuppa afterwards.

➤ **“Battle for Our Birds”**

Speaker: Bill Fleury, Department of Conservation, Palmerston North

When: 7.30 p.m. Tuesday 16 October 2018

Where: Davis Lecture Theatre, Whanganui Regional Museum

In recent years the Department of Conservation has been attempting to control predators at large scale on the mainland to protect species at risk of national or regional extinction. Bill Fleury will describe some of the science and logic behind the programme, known these days as “Battle for our Birds”. He will talk about how the understanding of risks have developed, what tools are used to identify the need for intervention, why different interventions and strategies are used, and how sites are selected. He will also give an update on some of the monitoring that is being done to assess the effectiveness of the programme. Questions are welcome

Entrance is free (although a gold-coin donation is always appreciated)

➤ **Continuing the Plastic Conversation**

Friday 19th October - 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Te Manawa - 326 Main St, Palmerston North, 4410

Join Manawatu River Source to Sea and PN City Environmental Trust for a short screening of the documentary "A Plastic Ocean", followed by presentations from Massey University's Trisia Farrelly and Jonathon Hannon about their research on plastics in our waterways. This presentation is part of a mini-EnviroFest being held over Labour Weekend

➤ **Enviro Family Activity Day**

Sunday, 21st October - 11:00 am - 4:00 pm

Pit Park - Edwards Pit Park, Tweed St, Roslyn, Palmerston North 4414

Come and celebrate the amazing environmental and community achievements at Pit Park. Fun for the whole family.

This presentation is part of a mini-EnviroFest being held over Labour Weekend.

<http://pncet.org.nz/envirofest-2018-3>

➤ **Pukaha Mt Bruce Open Day**

Sunday 21st October - All Day

Pūkaha National Wildlife Centre - 85379 SH 2, Mount Bruce 5881

Bring the family, experience a piece of native bush and see the white kiwi.

Entry by koha.

➤ **The long-awaited public opening of the Central Energy Trust Wildbase Recovery is now closer than ever.**

<https://www.stuff.co.nz/manawatu-standard/news/107647565/wildbase-recovery-centre-opens-its-doors-for-the-first-time>



WARWICK SMITH/STUFF

A tuatara named Big Boy makes his presence felt at the Wildbase Recovery opening ceremony, with Palmerston North mayor Grant Smith and Conservation Minister Eugenie Sage.

Construction on the centre has finally come to an end, after seven years of planning and building.

There was a ceremonial opening on Friday to celebrate the end of construction and the beginning of the next phase of the project.

Conservation Minister Eugenie Sage, Massey University vice-chancellor Jan Thomas and co-founders Rodney Wong and Bruce Scott were among the speakers at the ceremony.

The facility will provide a place for native wildlife that have been treated at Massey University's Wildbase Hospital to recover from their illness and injury. The centre also features an interactive education centre where people can learn more about the native species living in the facility.

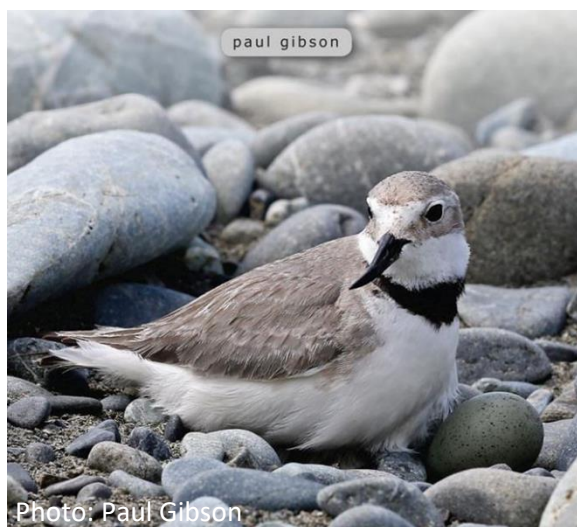
F&B MANAWATŪ NOVEMBER 2018 MONTHLY TALK

Tuesday, 13th November 2018 @ 7.30 p.m.

Palmerston North City Library,
George Street Entrance, Palmerston North

Talk: "To photograph every bird in New Zealand, hear Paul Gibson's story"

Speaker: Paul Gibson, Whanganui author and bird photographer



"To photograph every bird species in New Zealand" is the theme of the illustrated talk to be given by Paul Gibson of Whanganui.

Paul will tell how his attempts have gone to date and share with you many of his adventures along the way. The journey has led him to many and varied locations including distant islands across wild oceans.

Learn something about photography and see close up some of our most beautiful birds, including three specialities of the West Coast. Not a scientific talk and suitable for any age group.

That's all for now – hope to see you at one of our Monthly Meetings

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